

REMARKS

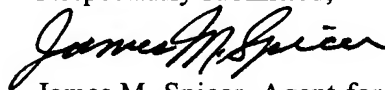
Favorable consideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Drawing figures 1-5 are now designated as Prior Art, and replacement sheets are supplied herewith. The specification has been amended to show an issued U.S. Patent.

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 22-24, 43 and 44 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, claims 22 and 43 have been amended to correct informalities, claims 1 and 24 have been amended by replacing terms with more clearly defining terms, and claims 23 and 44 have been amended so as to depend from claims 22 and 43 respectively. Claims 2-21 and 25-42 are unchanged. No new claims or new matter have been added.

Claims 1-44 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-43 of copending Application No. 10/335,475. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321 (b) and (c) is being filed herewith as a separate paper.

Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. No fee is due for filing this Reply because it is being filed within the shortened statutory period as set in the Office Action dated July 15, 2004.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the five Replacement Sheets included herewith for their corresponding drawing sheets in this application.